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*Docket Number:* 98-036. *Applicant:* Finch University of Health Sciences, North Chicago, IL 60064-3095.

*Instrument:* (4 each) Right and Left Hand Micromanipulators, Model SM-20. *Manufacturer:* Narishige Co., Japan.

*Intended Use:* See notice at 63 FR 41227, August 3, 1998.

*Comments:* None received. *Decision:* Approved. No instrument of equivalent scientific value to the foreign instrument, for such purposes as it is intended to be used, is being manufactured in the United States.

*Reasons:* The foreign instrument provides the required stability, geometry and sensitivity and ability to change one electrode without disturbing operation of the others. The National Institutes of Health advises in its memorandum dated August 17, 1998 that: (1) This capability is pertinent to the applicant's intended purpose, and (2) it knows of no domestic instrument or apparatus of equivalent scientific value to the foreign instrument for the applicant's intended use.

We know of no other instrument or apparatus of equivalent scientific value to the foreign instrument which is being manufactured in the United States.

**Frank W. Creel,**

*Director, Statutory Import Programs Staff.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

#### Massachusetts Institute of Technology; Notice of Decision on Application for Duty-Free Entry of Scientific Instrument

This decision is made pursuant to Section 6(c) of the Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Materials Importation Act of 1966 (Pub. L. 89-651, 80 Stat. 897; 15 CFR part 301). Related records can be viewed between 8:30 A.M. and 5:00 P.M. in Room 4211, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C.

*Docket Number:* 98-032. *Applicant:* Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, MA 02139. *Instrument:* Fish Tank System. *Manufacturer:* Klaus-Jurgen Schwarz, Germany. *Intended Use:* See notice at 63 FR 36879, July 8, 1998.

*Comments:* None received. *Decision:* Approved. No instrument of equivalent scientific value to the foreign instrument, for such purposes as it is

intended to be used, is being manufactured in the United States.

*Reasons:* The foreign instrument provides: (1) An optimal design based on small tank size, simple operation and uniformity for genetic analysis of early development using large numbers of zebra fish and (2) compatibility with an existing tank system. These capabilities are pertinent to the applicant's intended purposes and we know of no other instrument or apparatus of equivalent scientific value to the foreign instrument which is being manufactured in the United States.

**Frank W. Creel,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

[C-423-806]

#### Cut-to-Length Carbon Steel Plate From Belgium Preliminary Results of Countervailing Duty Review

**AGENCY:** Import Administration, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of preliminary results of countervailing duty administrative review.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Commerce is conducting an administrative review of the countervailing duty order on certain steel products from Belgium for the period January 1, 1996 through December 31, 1996. We preliminarily determine the net subsidy to be *de minimis*. For information on the net subsidy for non-reviewed companies, please see the *Preliminary Results of Review* section of this notice. If the final results remain the same as these preliminary results of administrative review, we will instruct the U.S. Customs Service to assess countervailing duties as detailed in the *Preliminary Results of Review* section of this notice. Interested parties are invited to comment on these preliminary results.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** September 9, 1998.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Lorenza Olivas or Gayle Longest, Office CVD/AD Enforcement VI, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20230; telephone: (202) 482-2786.

## SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

### Background

On August 7, 1993, the Department published in the **Federal Register** (58 FR 42749) the countervailing duty order on certain steel products from Belgium. On August 4, 1997, the Department published a notice of "Opportunity to Request Administrative Review" (62 FR 41925) of this countervailing duty order. We received a timely request for review and we initiated the review, covering the period January 1, 1996 through December 31, 1996, on September 25, 1997 (62 FR 50292).

In accordance with 19 CFR 351.213(b), this review covers only those producers or exporters of the subject merchandise for which a review was specifically requested. Accordingly, this review covers Fabrique de Fer de Charleroi, S.A. (Fabfer). This review covers 28 programs.

On April 13, 1998, we extended the period for completion of the preliminary results pursuant to section 751(a)(3) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended. See *Cut-to-Length Carbon Steel Plate From Belgium; Extension of Time Limit for Countervailing Duty Administrative Review* (63 FR 17990). The deadline for the final results of this review is no later than 120 days from the date on which these preliminary results are published in the **Federal Register**.

On August 13, 1998, Fabfer submitted a claim that the research and development loan provided under the Economic Expansion Law of 1970 constitutes a non-actionable green-light subsidy and therefore is not countervailable. The Government of Belgium (GOB) provided no support for this claim, and information in the record is not sufficient to determine whether the program under which the loan is provided satisfies the criteria in section 771(5B)(i) of the Act. Given the timing of Fabfer's claim and the deficiency of required information, we are denying Fabfer's request for green-light status in this review.

### Applicable Statute

Unless otherwise indicated, all citations to the statute are references to the provisions of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended by the Uruguay Round Agreements Act (URAA) effective January 1, 1995 (the Act). The Department is conducting this administrative review in accordance with section 751(a) of the Act. All citations to the Department's regulations reference 19 CFR Part 351 *et. seq.*, *Antidumping Duties; Countervailing Duties; Final Rule*, 62 FR 27296 (May 19, 1997), unless otherwise indicated.